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BEGIN SUMMARY: DRC MET JUNE 22 TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY ROLE IT MAY PLAY IN FOLLOW- UP TO DPC MINISTERIAL DECISIONS OF JUNE 7 ( DPC/ D(73)13). WHILE NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN BY DRC, HUMPHREYS WILL DRAW ON GENERAL DISCUSSION IN PREPARING A PO FOR ISSUANCE BY LUNS TOWARDS END OF NEXT WEEK. PO WILL SUGGEST ALLOCATION OF FOLLOW- UP RESPONSIBILITIES FOR APPROVAL BY DPC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN A MEETING IN EARLY JULY. IN HUMPHREY' S VIEW, WHICH FOUND GENERAL SUPPORT, DRC COULD BE PROPERLY CALLED UPON FOR FOLLOW- UP ON " BASIC ISSUES OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING," " CERTAIN CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT" ( SUBPARAS 4( C)( I) AND ( II) OF DPC/ D(73)13) AND ON NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL FOR STUDY OF SPECIALIZATION ( SUBPARA 4( D)). ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ( SUBPARA 4( C)( III)) HE SUGGESTED LEAVING QUESTION PEN FOR NAC DISCUSSION ( SEPTTEL) BUT COMMENTED THAT IF FRANCE DID NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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BOP FOLLOW- ON, DRC MIGHT BE ASSIGNED THE TASK BY PERM REPS. END SUMMARY.

1. HUMPHREYS OPENED DISCUSSION OF ACTION ON HANDLING

CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT BY SUGGESTING THAT THIS ISSUE COULD BE APPROPRIATELY DEALT WITH BY THE DRC THROUGH THE FALL ANNUAL REVIEW OF FORCE PLANS. US REP INDICATED PERSONAL VIEW THAT THIS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE MECHANISM BUT SUGGESTED THAT IF DRC IS ASSIGNED THIS TASK IT SHOULD HOLD AN EARLY PRELIMINARY MEETING TO DISCUSS WHAT SPECIAL PROCEDURES AND EMPHASIS SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO THIS DURING THE FALL REVIEW. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT.

2. ON HANDLING BASIC ISSUES OF NATO DEFENSE, QUINLAN ( UK) AND CABOLET ( BELGIUM) RAISED THE POINT THAT IT WAS NOT HELPFUL TO HAVE SO MUCH TALK ABOUT DIFFERENCES IN BASIC CONCEPTUAL IDEAS AT TIME OF DPC MINISTERIAL, PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT BY MINISTERS ON EMPHASIS ON CONVENTIONAL FORCE IMPROVEMENTS UNDER A PRIORITY SYSTEM, WHICH APPEARED TO BE A MAJOR US OBJECTIVE. RESULT OF RATHER LIMITED DISCUSSION WAS THAT IF DRC CHARGED ALSO WITH THIS ISSUE, IT ALSO COULD BE TAKEN UP IN NORMAL COURSE OF DEALING WITH FACTS OF FORCE PLANS AND GOALS, BUT AGAIN WITH THE BENEFIT OF SPECIAL PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION TO ORIENT DRC HANDLING.

3. WITH REGARD TO HANDLING OF STUDY OF POSSIBILITY OF A MULTILATERAL PROGRAM TO COMPENSATE THE UNITED STATES FOR THE STATIONING OF THEIR TROOPS IN EUROPE, HUMPHREYS POINTED OUT THAT THE SUBJECT WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN NAC THE SAME MORNING AND ANY DRC DISCUSSION WOULD OF COUSE BE SUBJECT TO BEING OVERTAKEN IN NAC. HOWEVER, IF SUBJECT WERE TO BE PURSUED IN DPC CHANNELS, HE SAW AT LEAST TWO POSSIBILITIES: REFERRAL TO THREE WISE MEN UNDER TERMS OF C- M(57)112 OR REFERRAL TO AN EXISTING DPC SUPPORTING COMMITTEE, SUCH AS DRC, PROBABLY WITH THEHELP OF SOME NATIONAL EXPERTS. QUINLAN SUGGESTED THAT BEFORE ANY SUBORDINATE BODY BE CHARGED WITH THE STUDY THERE SHOULD BE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AT PERM REP LEVEL, SO THAT PERM REPS COULD STAKE OUT THE GROUND TO BE COVERED. HE WAS SUPPORTED ON  
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THIS BY FREVERT- NIEDERMEIN ( FRG).

4. ON NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL FOR STUDY OF SPECIALIZATION AMONG CENTRAL REGION FORCES. CARSTEN ( NETHERLANDS) REPORTED THAT THE HAGUE WAS STILL WORKING ON SUGGESTIONS FOR TERMS ON REFERENCES AND HOPED TO HAVE SOMETHING READY WITHIN TWO WEEKS FOR PERM REPS TO CONSIDER. ( SEE SEPTTEL). RUMSFELD

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